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TO NEW HAVEN 91-3492

FROM KANSAS CITY 91-6568 1P

JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR.; ETAL, UNION SAVINGS BANK, DANBURY,
CONN., TWO THIRTEEN SEVENTY, BR; EFP.

RE NEW HAVEN TEL TO KANSAS CITY TODAY.

ON FOUR TWENTYNINE INSTANT DR. JOHN MANIRE, MEDICAL CENTER
FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD, MO., ADVISED SUBJECT CON-
FINED COX MEDICAL CENTER IN TOWN. DURING FLIGHT FROM EAST COAST
HE DEVELOPED BLEEDING AND WAS RUSHED IMMEDIATELY TO COX VIA AMBULANCE
WHERE HE REMAINS IN CRITICAL CONDITION. A KIDNEY MACHINE AND RES-
PIRATORY MACHINE HAVE BEEN PLACED IN OPERATION AND HIS CONDITION
SINCE ADMISSION ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED. HE CAN TALK ONLY WITH GREAT
DIFFICULTY.

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FROM: NEW HAVEN (91-3492)

JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR., ETAL, UNION SAVINGS BANK, DANBURY, CT.,
FEBRUARY THIRTEEN, SEVENTY, BR, ESCAPE AND RESCUE.RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY EIGHT,
SEVENTY ONE.

NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AT NEW HAVEN REQUESTING FBI CONFIRMATION OF INFORMATION ALLEGEDLY FURNISHED TO THE FBI IN A DYING DECLARATION BY JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR., PRIOR TO HIS BEING TRANSFERRED TO SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, FOR ADDITIONAL MEDICAL CARE. +THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS BEING SUGGESTED BY NEW HAVEN FOR RELEASE TO THE PRESS:

ACCORDING TO CHARLES E. WEEKS, AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, (FBI), IN CONNECTICUT, JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR., IN ANTICIPATION OF DEATH, AFTER BEING MORTALLY WOUNDED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE DURING AN ABORTIVE ESCAPE ATTEMPT WHILE HE WAS ON TRIAL IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT, REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW

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BY AN FBI AGENT. HE REQUESTED THIS INTERVIEW PRIOR TO BEING TRANSFERRED TO SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, FOR ADDITIONAL MEDICAL CARE.

PARDUE IN HIS DYING DECLARATION INVOLVED HIMSELF AND HIS BROTHER JAMES IN NUMEROUS CRIMES FOR WHICH THEY HAD BEEN UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION FOR MONTHS. HIS STATEMENTS HAVE CONFIRMED IN GREAT DETAIL THE INVESTIGATIVE ANALYSIS OF THESE ACTIVITIES WHICH WAS MADE SOON AFTER THEIR ARRESTS ON CHARGES OF BOMBING THE DANBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ROBBING AND BOMBING THE UNION SAVINGS BANK IN DANBURY, CONNECTICUT, ON FEBRUARY THIRTEEN, SEVENTY.

PARDUE, IN HIS DYING DECLARATION, VOLUNTARILY FURNISHED INFORMATION INVOLVING HIMSELF AND HIS BROTHER, JAMES PETER PARDUE, IN ROBBERIES OF THE NORTHERN WESTCHESTER NATIONAL BANK ON AUGUST SEVENTEEN, SIXTY NINE, AND THE FAIRFIELD TRUST COMPANY, GEORGETOWN, CONNECTICUT, ON OCTOBER TWENTY TWO, SIXTY EIGHT; THE CITIZEN'S BANK OF PACIFIC, IN PACIFIC, MISSOURI, ON MAY NINE, SIXTY NINE, AND THE UNITED BANK OF UNION, UNION, MISSOURI, ON NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, SIXTY NINE.

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IN ADDITION, PARDUE STATED THAT ONE LEE POLK WAS ALSO A PARTICIPANT IN THE VISTA, NEW YORK, ROBBERY AND THAT POLK, AS WELL AS ONE DICK GREGORY, WAS INVOLVED IN THE GEORGETOWN ROBBERY ON OCTOBER TWENTY TWO, SIXTY EIGHT.

PARDUE STATED THAT POLK AND GREGORY WERE MURDERED BY HIM AND HIS BROTHER, JAMES, IN LATE SIXTY EIGHT OR EARLY SIXTY NINE IN REDDING, CONNECTICUT, AND THEY WERE THEREAFTER TRANSPORTED BY THEM TO KENT, CONNECTICUT, WHERE THE BODIES WERE COVERED BY BRUSH, SOAKED WITH GASOLINE AND BURNED.

THE BODIES OF TWO MALES WERE LOCATED IN KENT, CONNECTICUT, IN APRIL, SIXTY NINE, AND ALTHOUGH EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE, NO IDENTIFICATION WAS MADE BECAUSE OF THE CHARRED CONDITIONS OF THE BODIES AND THE ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION. WHEN LOCATED, THE BODIES WERE COVERED WITH PARTIALLY BURNED BRUSH, INCLUDING BRANCHES OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE A DISCARDED CHRISTMAS TREE.

IN ADDITION, PARDUE, ACCORDING TO THE FBI, IN HIS DYING DECLARATION, INVOLVED HIMSELF AND HIS BROTHER, JAMES, IN THE MURDERS OF HIS FATHER JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, SR., AND HIS GRANDMOTHER

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DAISEY LINK PARDUE IN UNION, MISSOURI, ON NOVEMBER ELEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, TWO DAYS BEFORE THE ROBBERY OF THE BANK THERE. PARDUE CLAIMED THAT HIS BROTHER JAMES KILLED HIS FATHER AND GRANDMOTHER WHEN HIS FATHER OBJECTED TO THEIR USING HIS FARM AS A HIDEOUT. THE TWO BODIES WERE THEN TRANSPORTED BY THE BROTHERS FROM MISSOURI TO LUSBY, MARYLAND, IN THEIR FATHER'S SMALL UTILITY TRAILER ATTACHED TO THE FATHER'S AUTOMOBILE. DURING THE INTERVIEW, PARDUE DREW A SKETCH MAP SHOWING WHERE THE BODIES WERE BURIED ON JAME'S PROPERTY IN LUSBY, MARYLAND. THE BODIES HAVE SINCE BEEN DISINTERRED AND IDENTIFIED.

IN THE GEORGETOWN BANK ROBBERY, ACCORDING TO PARDUE, LEE POLK AND DICK GREGORY KILLED WILLIAM ARTMAN WHEN HE REFUSED TO GIVE UP HIS AUTOMOBILE WHICH THEY SOUGHT FOR USE AS A GET-AWAY CAR IN THE ROBBERY. ARTMAN'S BODY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND IN THE TRUNK OF HIS CAR WHERE IT WAS ABANDONED A SHORT TIME AFTER THE ROBBERY.

JAMES PETER PARDUE IS CURRENTLY BEING HELD AT THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTER IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, WHERE HE IS UNDERGOING TREATMENT AND OBSERVATION TO DETERMINE HIS COMPETENCY TO STAND

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TRAIL FOR HIS ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN THE BOMBING OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ROBBERY AND BOMBING OF THE UNION SAVINGS BANK OF DANBURY, CONNECTICUT, ON FEBRUARY THIRTEEN, SEVENTY.

JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR.'S WIFE NANCY CAROL PARDUE IS BEING HELD AT THE WOMEN'S PRISON AT NIAHTIC, CONNECTICUT, IN LIEU OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND FOR HER ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN AN EARLIER ESCAPE ATTEMPT BY HER HUSBAND.

EN UACB, NEW HAVEN WILL FURNISH PRESS INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE ABOVE MATERIAL BE LIKEWISE USED FOR A RELEASE TO THE PRESS IN THOSE AREAS. ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE ABOVE TO JAMES TIBO OF RADIO STATION KFD, ST. LOUIS. TIBO MADE TELEPHONIC INQUIRIES AT NEW HAVEN THIS DATE AND STATEMENT REGARDING CAPTIONED CASE. HIS TELEPHONE NO. IS END.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (91-35590)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (91-4874)

SUBJECT: JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR.
ET AL
UNION SAVINGS BANK
DANBURY, CONN.
2/13/70
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On 4/28/71, Mr. DAVID HENSLEY, Attorney, [redacted] Clayton, Mo., telephone [redacted] telephonically contacted the SL Division in an effort to obtain details regarding the deaths of DAISY LINK PARDUE and JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, SR. HENSLEY indicated that he was the attorney for the sisters of JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, SR., and was initiating action in an effort to settle the PARDUE estate. He stated that due to the existence of wills and various insurance policies of both DAISY and JOHN PARDUE, SR., it was extremely important to know who died first,

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HENSLEY was provided no information but was referred to AUSA LESLIE BYELAS of the USA's Office in New Haven, Conn.

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JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR., ET AL, UNION SAVINGS BANK, DANBURY,
CONNECTICUT, 2/13/70, BANK ROBBERY - ESCAPE AND RESCUE

SUBJECT JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR., INTERVIEWED THIS DATE
BY SPECIAL AGENT THURL STALNAKER AT HIS REQUEST AT PARK CITY
HOSPITAL, BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT, WHERE HE IS BEING TREATED
FOLLOWING GUN SHOT WOUNDS RECEIVED DURING AN ABORTIVE ESCAPE
ATTEMPT ON APRIL EIGHT, LAST. PARDUE HAS STATED HIS BROTHER
JAMES PETER PARDUE MURDERED THEIR FATHER JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE,
SR., AND THEIR GRANDMOTHER DAISY IN MISSOURI AND TRANSPORTED
THEM TO LUSBY, MARYLAND WHERE THEY BURRIED THEM UNDER A NEWLY
CONSTRUCTED TOOL SHED NEAR THE RESIDENCE OF JAMES PETER PARDUE.
THE BALTIMORE OFFICE ADVISED OF DETAILS AND ARE CURRENTLY
SEEKING AUTHORITY TO SEARCH FOR THE BODIES AND THE UTILITY
CAMP TRAILER THEY ALLEGEDLY USED IN THEIR TRANSPORTATION IN
WHICH PARDUE STATES THEY WERE BURRIED.

IN ADDITION TO ABOVE MURDERS, PARDUE HAS IMPLICATED

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HIMSELF AND HIS BROTHER JAMES IN ROBBERY OF THE NORTHERN WESTCHESTER NATIONAL BANK, VISTA OFFICE, LEWISBORO, NEW YORK, AUGUST SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT; THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRUST COMPANY BANK, OLD MILL ROAD, GEORGETOWN, CONNECTICUT, OCTOBER TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT, AND THE UNITED BANK OF UNION, UNION, MISSOURI, NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY NINE.

DETAIL AIRTEL SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU, BALTIMORE, AND ST. LOUIS THIS DATE. FURTHER INTERVIEW WITH PARDUE WILL BE ATTEMPTED AT HIS REQUEST DURING MORNING OF APRIL TWENTY TWO, NEXT.

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JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR., ET AL, UNION SAVINGS BANK, DANBURY, CONNECTICUT, FEBRUARY THIRTEEN, SEVENTY. BANK ROBBERY - ESCAPE AND RESCUE

SUBJECT JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE TRANSFERRED APRIL TWENTY SEVEN, LAST TO HOSPITAL FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT HAS REQUESTED DAILY REPORTS ON PARDUE'S CONDITION, PARTICULARLY ANY CHANGE IN HIS CONDITION WHICH WOULD IMPROVE HIS ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE. ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FURTHER REQUESTED THAT THE NEW HAVEN OFFICE BE PROMPTLY ADVISED OF ANY REQUEST BY PARDUE TO TALK FURTHER WITH ANY OFFICIAL, KEEPING IN MIND THAT INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TO DATE HAVE BEEN VERY LIMITED BECAUSE OF HIS EXTREMELY CRITICAL CONDITION. IF HIS CONDITION IMPROVES, HE COULD FURNISH VAST AMOUNTS OF FURTHER INFORMATION AND COULD EXPAND UPON INFORMATION ALREADY FURNISHED.

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TO ST. LOUIS (91-4874)

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FROM BALTIMORE (91-4591)

JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR.; ETAL; UNION SAVINGS BANK,
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT, FEBRUARY THIRTEEN NINETEEN SEVENTY, BR.

RESLTEL TO BA, APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

DOCTOR ISIDORE MIHALAKIS, MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE,
BALTIMORE, MD, ADVISED THIS DATE, THAT ON BASIS OF ALL
AVAILABLE INFORMATION, HE CONSIDERS THE FEMALE BODY AS POSITIVELY
BEING IDENTIFIED AS DAISY PARDUE.

FOR INFO OF NH & SL, BOTH BODIES REMOVED FROM BA CITY
MORGUE APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

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900AM IMMEDIATE 4-30-71 PLG

TO DIRECTOR

NEW HAVEN 91-3492

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FROM KANSAS CITY 91-6568 1P

JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR., ETAL, UNION SAVINGS BANK, DANBURY, CONN.,
FEB. THIRTEEN, SEVENTY, BR - E AND R.

REMYTEL TO NEW HAVEN, APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST (INTEROFFICE).

FOR INFO RECEIVING OFFICES, JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR., DIED
AT ELEVEN FORTY PM, APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST AT COX MEDICAL CENTER
IN SPRINGFIELD, MO. THE BODY HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE COX MED-
ICAL CENTER TO THE MCFF ^{Medical Center, 2.2 mi from} IN SPRINGFIELD, MO.

FOR INFO BUREAU, PARDUE HAD BEEN MOVED BY AIR FROM CONNECTICUT
TO MEDICAL FOR TREATMENT OF INJURIES SUFFERED IN GUN BATTLE. UPON
ARRIVAL SPRINGFIELD, MO., HE HAD STARTED TO BLEED AND IT WAS THOUGHT
ADVISABLE TO TAKE HIM IMMEDIATELY TO COX MEDICAL CENTER RATHER THAN
THE MEDICAL CENTER FOR INSTANT CARE AND TREATMENT.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (91-3492) (P)
SUBJECT: JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR.
ET AL
UNION SAVINGS BANK
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT
2/13/70
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ESCAPE AND RESCUE

Investigation being conducted in conjunction with Connecticut State Police in efforts to corroborate information furnished by JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR. (deceased) to the effect that LEE GEORGE POLK was a participant in two bank robberies with the PARDUE brothers and that one DICK GREGORY (PH) was involved with them in one bank robbery. PARDUE advised that thereafter in late 1968 or early 1969, they murdered POLK and GREGORY in Redding, Connecticut and transported the bodies to Kent, Connecticut where they burned them beyond recognition.

Employment records at Southern New England Telephone Company, Stamford, Connecticut, list employment for LEE G. POLK in the summer of 1968 and in those records he shows his date of birth as 2/28/48 (no place given) and his social security number as 419-84-0763.

POLK was, at the same time in 1968, employed with the Courtlands Convalescent Home, Courtland Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut, where he gave his social security number as 412-74-0837 and his date of birth as 2/28/45 and place of birth in those records was listed as Nashville, Tennessee. He gave his mother's name and address as Mrs. JOHNNIE E. HOLMAN, 414 Gould Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Efforts made previously by Memphis Office failed to locate either Mrs. HOLMAN or the above listed address.

Through check of records of the Courtland Convalescent Home, it was determined that one [redacted] who gave her home address as [redacted] Stamford, Connecticut, was also employed there with POLK. Both POLK and [redacted] were fired from their employment at the Courtland Convalescent Home on 8/19/68 and reason for dismissal was for personal misconduct. Allegations were made that they were engaged in immoral activities at the home.

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[redacted] in her application for employment at the Convalescent Home, listed her mother's name and address as [redacted] Bronx, New York.

LEADS

MEMPHIS

At Nashville, Tennessee

Check available birth records in an attempt to verify birth of LEE G. POLK. If birth records available, attempt to locate and interview any relatives identified for all available information re POLK's background, his personal history and his whereabouts during 1968 and thereafter. If military service indicated, attempt to get military service number so his military records can be checked.

NEW YORK

At Bronx, New York

At [redacted] attempt to locate and interview [redacted] in an effort to develop information re POLK and information re whereabouts of her daughter, [redacted] in order that she may be interviewed.

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For the information of Memphis and New York, requested investigation is for the purpose of developing as much information as possible regarding both POLK and GREGORY which will enable this office to establish that the bodies located in Kent, Connecticut are the bodies of POLK and GREGORY.

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Both offices are requested to expedite handling of these leads and to set out all suggested leads immediately by airtel or by more expeditious communications as logical since Connecticut State Police actively investigating murders and have requested expeditious handling.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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915 Lafayette Boulevard
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Bridgeport, Connecticut 06603

May 3, 1971

Mr. Charles E. Weeks
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
770 Chapel Street
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

Re: United States v. Nancy C. Pardue, Criminal No. 12,950
(Your file-91-3492)

Dear Mr. Weeks:

Please be advised that the above-named defendant was presented before the Honorable Robert C. Zampano Judge, in the United States District Court at Bridgeport, Connecticut, on April 26, 1971, at which time the following action took place:

Waiver of Indictment filed:

Information-Indictment filed

Counts:

Violation:

Counsel (appointed-retained)

Plea: ~~Guilty~~ Not Guilty entered to Counts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9.

Bond: Case continued on same bond of \$250,000. w/surety.
Three weeks allowed to file motions.

ACTION: We shall keep you advised offurther developments in this case.

Very truly yours

Stewart H. Jones
United States Attorney

By: *Leslie Byelas*
Assistant United States Attorney

cc: Probation Dept., New Haven and Bridgeport

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**REPORT**

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. **91-3492**
 FBI FILE NO. **91-35590**
 LATENT CASE NO. **A-17514**

May 4, 1971**TO: SAC, New Haven**

RE: JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR.;
ET AL.;
UNION SAVINGS BANK
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT
2-13-70
BR - ESCAPE AND RESCUE

REFERENCE: Letters 4-9-70 and 4-19-71 and Butelcal to SA Thurl Stalnaker 4-30-71
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New Haven
SPECIMENS: Original Firearms Transaction Record form

This report confirms and supplements Butelcal to SA Stalnaker 4-30-71.

Five latent fingerprints, one latent palm print, and one latent impression, either a fingerprint or palm print, of value developed on specimen, which is enclosed.

See attached page for results of comparisons of three latent fingerprints previously developed on brown envelope submitted with urlet dated 4-9-70.

Latent prints developed on instant form and remainder of those previously reported in this case are not identical with major

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 John Edgar Hoover, Director

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SAC, New Haven

May 4, 1971

case prints of Nancy Carol Pardue, FBI #828283H.

If latent print testimony is desired in trial of this case, additional inked fingerprints of Nancy Pardue should be submitted, if possible, for preparation of charted enlargements. Care should be taken when recording the fingerprints to insure that they are recorded clearly and completely, especially the right ring finger and the left thumb.

Your File No. 91-3492
FBI File No. 91-35590
Latent Case No. A-17514

May 4, 1971

RE: NANCY CAROL PARDUE, FBI #828283H

Three latent fingerprints developed on a previously submitted brown envelope have been identified as fingerprints of Pardue.

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, New Haven

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PC-F6011 JH IZ

Re: JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR.,
ET AL
UNION SAVINGS BANK,
DANBURG, CONN., 2/13/70-BR
NANCY PARDUE
ESCAPE AND RESCUE 4/14/71

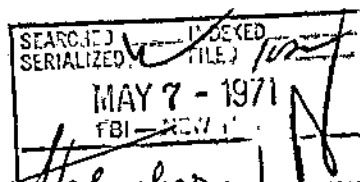
K14 .308 caliber Winchester rifle, Serial Number A226813

Result of examination:

Specimen K14 functioned normally when it was fired in the laboratory.

The barrel and stock of specimen K14 have been cut by a handsaw. There are not sufficient microscopic marks of value to identify the saw or saws used.

Pieces of $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide white adhesive tape are present on specimen K14. The brand or area of distribution of the tape is not known; however, the ends of the pieces of tape are suitable for comparisons.





**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, New Haven (91-3492)

Date: May 5, 1971

Re: JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR.,
ET AL
UNION SAVINGS BANK,
DANBURY, CONN., 2/13/70-BR
NANCY PARDUE . .
ESCAPE AND RESCUE

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 91-35590
Lab. No. PC-F6011 JH IZ

Examination requested by: New Haven

Reference: Letter 4/12/71

Examination requested: Firearms - Toolmarks - Fingerprint - Microscopic

Remarks:

You are being separately advised concerning the results of the latent fingerprint examinations requested.

The requested photographs are being furnished your office under separate cover.

Specimen K14 is being returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

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FROM DIRECTOR (91-35590) 1P

JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR., ET AL. UNION SAVINGS BANK, DANBURY,
CONNECTICUT, FEBRUARY THIRTEEN, SEVENTY, BR, ESCAPE AND RESCUE.

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DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY DEWITT WHITE ADVISED THIS DATE THAT AUSA
LESLIE BYELAS, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, HAS BEEN CONTACTED IN REGARD
TO ANY NEWS RELEASE CONCERNING THIS CASE. MR. WHITE AFTER
CONFERRING WITH AUSA BYELAS ADVISED THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION
TO A NEWS RELEASE BUT SUGGESTS SAC, NEW HAVEN COORDINATE ANY NEWS
RELEASE WITH USA, HARTFORD SINCE THAT OFFICE WILL HANDLE PROSECUTION
OF JAMES PARDUE AND JOHN PARDUE'S WIFE NANCY.

NEW HAVEN OFFICE IMMEDIATELY CONTACT USA, HARTFORD, AND ADVISE
INTERESTED OFFICES APPROPRIATELY.

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FROM: NEW HAVEN (91-3492)

JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR. (DECEASED), ETAL. UNION SAVINGS BANK,
 DANBURY, CONN., FEB. THIRTEEN SEVENTY. BR - ESCAPE AND RESCUE,
 RE NEW HAVEN LET MAY FOUR LAST, NO CC BUREAU, BOSTON,
 CHARLOTTE OR PHILA.

FOR INFO BUREAU AND RECIPIENT-OFFICES, JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE
 (DECEASED), IN DYING DECLARATION IDENTIFIED ONE LEE GEORGE POLK
 AND DICK GREGORY (PHONETIC), AS PARTICIPANTS WITH PARDUE BROTHERS
 JAMES AND JOHN IN ROBBERY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRUST CO. BANK,
 GEORGETOWN BRANCH, GEORGETOWN, CONN., OCT. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT,
 IN WHICH OWNER OF GETAWAY CAR WAS FOUND MURDERED IN TRUNK OF HIS
 CAR AFTER IT HAD BEEN USED AND ABANDONED SHORT DISTANCE FROM BANK.
 PARDUE STATED THAT POLK AND GREGORY HAD MURDERED OWNER AFTER
 TRYING TO FORCE HIM INTO TRUNK OF HIS CAR. PARDUE FURTHER STATED
 THAT POLK WAS ALSO PARTICIPANT WITH PARDUE BROTHERS IN ROBBERY OF
 NORTHERN WESTCHESTER NATIONAL BANK, LEWISBURG, NY, AUG. SEVENTEEN,

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SIXTYEIGHT. PARDUE STATED IN DYING DECLARATION THAT HE AND HIS BROTHER JAMES CALLED GREGORY AND POLK TO REDDING, CONN., IN LATTER SIXTYEIGHT OR EARLY SIXTYNINE UNDER PRETEXT OF PLANNING ANOTHER BR AND MURDERED THEM. THEREAFTER, THEY TRANSPORTED THE BODIES TO KENT, CONN., WHERE THEY ATTEMPTED TO BURN THEM BEYOND IDENTIFICATION. BODIES WERE DISCOVERED ON APRIL THIRTEEN, SIXTYNINE AND LATENT PRINTS BELIEVED TO BE OF VALUE WERE OBTAINED FROM EACH BODY BY CSP AND SENT TO FBI IDENTIFICATION DIV. UNDER CONN. STATE POLICE NO. B SIX NINE - ZERO FOUR THREE FOUR - C - MURDER.

LEE GEORGE POLK IS BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH JAMES RICHARD BECK, BORN FEB. TWENTYEIGHT, FORTYFIVE, AT STAMFORD, CONN., ASN R A ONE FOUR EIGHT TWO EIGHT TWO FIVE NINE, FBI NO. FOUR TWO FIVE ZERO FOUR H, WHO IS SUBJECT OF DESERTER CASE, OO MEMPHIS AND WHO DESERTED FROM CO. B, FT. BRAGG, NC, JUNE THIRTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES RICHARD BECK WITH LATENTS ON FILE IN GEORGETOWN BR (BUFILE NINETYONE - THREE ONE FOUR SIX SIX)(FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRUST CO., OCT. TWENTY TWO, SIXTYEIGHT),

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WITH THE LATENTS FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU BY THE CSP UNDER THEIR CASE NUMBER LISTED ABOVE, AS WELL AS WITH ANY LATENTS DEVELOPED FROM THE ORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORMS SENT TO BUREAU BY NEW HAVEN UNDER THIS CAPTION WITH RELET.

FURNISH NEW HAVEN AND CSP, ONE HUNDRED WASHINGTON ST., HARTFORD, CONN., RESULTS OF EXAMINATION.

ST. LOUIS FURNISH NHO COMPLETE RESULTS OF RECORD CHECK WITH FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, INCLUDING DENTAL CHARTS, INDICATIONS OF PHYSICAL DEFORMITIES, ETC.

CHICAGO EXPEDITE COVERAGE OF LEADS SET OUT IN RELET.

MEMPHIS FURNISH NHO WITH COMPLETE FILE REVIEW RE BECK. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MOTHER, SISTER AND ANY OTHER KNOWN RELATIVES FOR ANY INFO IN THEIR POSSESSION RE BECK'S CLOSE FRIENDS, PARTICULARLY ANY INFO RE ASSOCIATES WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH GREGORY.

PHILADELPHIA CHECK INDICES RE LEE GEORGE POLK, JAMES RICHARD BECK, AND DICK GREGORY NOTING THAT GREGORY MAY HAVE LIVED IN PHILADELPHIA. ALSO NOTE THAT GREGORY REPORTEDLY WAS AN AUTOBODY REPAIRMAN IN STAMFORD, CONN., IN SIXTYEIGHT AND IS ALSO BELIEVED TO BE A MUSICIAN.

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BOSTON CHECK INDICES ON POLK, BECK, AND GREGORY, AND FURNISH NEW HAVEN RESULTS, NOTING THAT THE BODIES RECOVERED AT KENT, CONN., HAD CLOTHING FROM EXCLUSIVE MENS STORE, BOLTER CO., BELIEVED TO BE SOLD ONLY IN BOSTON AREA.

BOSTON ALSO CHECK POSTAL AUTHORITIES FOR COPY OF LETTER SENT LEE G. POLK, ONE EIGHT ONE HENRY ST., STAMFORD, CONN. (NO RETURN ADDRESS), ABOUT APRIL TWENTYSIX, SEVENTYONE, WHICH WAS RETURNED TO DEAD LETTER OFFICE, BOSTON.

CHARLOTTE, AT FT. BRAGG, CHECK MILITARY RECORDS FOR ALL AVAILABLE INFO RE ASSOCIATES OF BECK, IDENTITIES OF ANYONE WHO DESERTED WITH HIM, AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFO WHICH MIGHT ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING GREGORY.

COPY TO NEW YORK FOR INFO.

ALL OFFICES SUTEL RESULTS AND SET OUT ANY LEADS BY TELETYPE.

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12:20-PM URGENT 5-7-71 KLL

TO NEW HAVEN (91-3492)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (91-6627) (RUC) 1P

JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR., (DECEASED), ET AL, UNION SAVINGS
BANK, DANBURY, CONN., TWO THIRTEEN SEVENTY, BR - ESCAPE
AND RESCUE

RE NEW HAVEN NITEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, FIVE SEVEN SEVENTYONE.

BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE, PHILADELPHIA INDICES

NEGATIVE RE LEE GEORGE POLK, JAMES RICHARD BECK, AND DICK GREGORY.

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JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR.;
ET AL; UNION SAVINGS BANK,
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT
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OO: NEW HAVEN

Reference: NH Telcall to SL 5/6/71, and SL Telcall to NH 5/7/71.

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER (NPRC) RECORDS CHECK

- ☐ File was located at the (Civilian) (Military) Personnel Records Branch, NPRC, St. Louis, Mo., and reviewed on _____ by _____.
- ☐ Enclosed are _____ copies of (Form FD-302) (investigative insert) (letterhead memorandum) reflecting pertinent information.
- ☐ Enclosed for information and reference, subject to restriction stamped thereon, are copies of self-explanatory documents from NPRC files.
- ☒ Personnel, NPRC ~~XXXXXX~~ (Military) Personnel Records Branch, Veterans Administration Record Processing Center, SLMO, advised on 5/6/71, no record on ~~XXXXXX~~ **JAMES RICHARD BECK, RA 14 828 259** could be located on basis of information furnished. In event additional identifying or descriptive data becomes available, another lead for review of the NPRC (civilian or military) records should be submitted. Data needed includes: date and place of birth, name utilized in employment or military service, branch and military service number, dates of service or employment, department employing individual, specific organization to which assigned with date of assignment, and Social Security number.
- ☐ File has not yet been located at NPRC. A special search is under way, and file will be reviewed promptly when located.
- ☒ File was not located at ~~XXXXXX~~ (Military) Personnel Records Branch, NPRC, SLMO, and should be located at Absentee Section, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., for JAMES RICHARD BECK, SSAN 462 72 3767, who is listed by USA as an absentee, and who may be identical to JAMES RICHARD BECK, RA 14 828 259.

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record located your division. Handle review.

For reference and assistance in handling lead, copies of pertinent serials are enclosed.

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TO: NEW HAVEN (91-3492)

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HOUSTON

CHARLOTTE

FROM MEMPHIS (91-4516) (7P)

JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR. (DECEASED); JAMES PETER PARDUE,
UNION SAVINGS BANK, DANBURY, CONNECTICUT, FEBRUARY THIRTEEN,
ONE NINE SEVEN ZERO, BR; ESCAPE AND RESCUE. OO: NEW HAVEN.

RE NEW HAVEN TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS MAY SIX, LAST.
CHARLOTTE AND SAVANNAH REFER TO YOUR FILE CAPTIONED "JAMES R.
BECK, SSAN FOUR ONE TWO - SEVEN FOUR - ZERO EIGHT THREE SEVEN A,
ASN RA ONE FOUR EIGHT TWO EIGHT TWO FIVE NINE, FUDE," OO:
MEMPHIS AND TO MEMPHIS LETTER TO SAVANNAH NOVEMBER TWELVE,
ONE NINE SIX NINE, THEREIN.

FOR INFORMATION HOUSTON, JAMES RICHARD BECK, NEGRO MALE,
BORN FEBRUARY TWENTYEIGHT, ONE NINE FOUR FIVE, AT STAMFORD,
CONNECTICUT, WENT AWOL FEBRUARY THIRTEEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT,
FROM FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA, AND WAS DECLARED DESERTER.
BECK HAS BEEN RESIDENT OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND SURROUNDING
AREA. DESERTER INVESTIGATION DISCONTINUED JANUARY TWELVE,
ONE NINE SEVEN ZERO, WHEN DETERMINED BECK HAD RETURNED TO
FORT BRAGG SUBSEQUENT TO AWOL DATE. BECK'S MOTHER, MRS.
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JOHNNIE ELNORA HOLMAN, RESIDES FOUR ZERO EIGHT OWENS DRIVE,
GALLATIN, TENNESSEE; FATHER, SIMON BECK, RESIDES ONE TWO SEVEN
ONE THIRD AVENUE SOUTH, NASHVILLE; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AGED [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]
AGED [REDACTED] LIVED TOGETHER AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], TEXAS; HIS

[REDACTED] HAS RESIDED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, NEW HAVEN DIVISION HAS ADVISED
IT BELIEVES JAMES RICHARD BECK IS IDENTICAL TO LEE GEORGE POLK
WHO ALLEGEDLY PARTICIPATED IN BANK ROBBERY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY
TRUST COMPANY BANK, GEORGETOWN BRANCH, GEORGETOWN, CONNECTICUT,
ON OCTOBER TWENTYTWO, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT. OTHER PARTICIPANTS
WERE SUBJECTS JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR., AND JAMES PETER PARDUE
(BROTHERS), BOTH WHITE MALES AND A NEGRO MALE KNOWN ONLY AS
DICK GREGORY (PHONETIC), TRUE IDENTITY UNKNOWN. IN THIS
ROBBERY, OWNER OF STOLEN GETAWAY CAR WAS MURDERED AND FOUND IN
TRUNK OF HIS CAR WHICH WAS ABANDONED SHORT DISTANCE FROM BANK.
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NEW HAVEN RECENTLY ADVISED THAT IN DYING DECLARATION, JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR., STATED POLK AND GREGORY MURDERED GETAWAY CAR OWNER. PARDUE ALSO STATED HE AND BROTHER, JAMES, SUBSEQUENTLY MURDERED BOTH POLK AND GREGORY IN LATE ONE NINE SIX EIGHT OR EARLY ON NINE SIX NINE AND TRANSPORTED BODIES TO KENT, CONNECTICUT, WHERE THEY ATTEMPTED TO BURN THEM BEYOND IDENTIFICATION. BODIES WERE DISCOVERED APRIL THIRTEEN NINE SIX NINE.

NEW HAVEN HAS REQUESTED MEMPHIS DIVISION CONTACT RELATIVES OF JAMES RICHARD BECK IN EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ANY CLOSE ASSOCIATES WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH DICK GREGORY.

ON MAY TEN, LAST, [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] WERE INTERVIEWED

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AT [REDACTED] ADVISED HAS HAD NO CONTACT OF ANY KIND WITH JAMES
[REDACTED] 10-5-88

RICHARD BECK SINCE FEBRUARY, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT WHEN HE VISITED NASHVILLE FOR SHORT TIME FROM FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA, AND LEFT STATING HIS COMPANY WAS GOING TO VIETNAM.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED LIVED WITH BECK FROM OCTOBER, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN TO MAY FIVE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT AT [REDACTED] NORTH CAROLINA, THAT THEY MOVED TO SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, MAY FOUR, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT TO BE WITH [REDACTED] JAMES RICHARD BECK GAINED EMPLOYMENT FOR ONE WEEK AT NEAL AND BLUN SHIPPING COMPANY, SAVANNAH. THEN BECK LEFT UNEXPECTEDLY FOR UNSTATED DESTINATION, TELLING [REDACTED] HE WOULD WRITE SOON TO FURNISH HIS (JAMES BECK'S) WHEREABOUTS. [REDACTED] STATED HAS NEVER HEARD ANYTHING SINCE FROM [REDACTED] AND HAS NO IDEA OF JAMES' CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. [REDACTED] STAYED IN SAVANNAH ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF YEARS THEN RETURNED TO NASHVILLE LATE ONE NINE SIX NINE. (SAVANNAH AND CHARLOTTE WILL NOTE THAT WHEN INTERVIEWED DURING PRIOR FUDE INVESTIGATION, [REDACTED] ADVISED ON NOVEMBER THREE, ONE NONE SIX NINE, THAT HE LAST SAW [REDACTED] JAMES RICHARD BECK, IN MAY OF ONE NINE SIX NINE; HOWEVER, UPON REFLECTION HE ADVISED IT WAS ACTUALLY MAY OF ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.)

ONLY ASSOCIATE OF BECK KNOWN TO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IS A NEGRO MALE KNOWN ONLY AS [REDACTED] AGED ABOUT THIRTY, END PAGE FOUR

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FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, WELL BUILT, FROM FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. [REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FM NORTH CAROLINA IN FEBRUARY ONE NINE SIX EIGHT AND AT THAT TIME WAS BOY FRIEND OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS A SISTER NAMED [REDACTED] (LNU), AGED ABOUT FORTY, FIVE FEET TALL, ALSO FROM FAYETTEVILLE. [REDACTED]

HAD A GIRL FRIEND NAMED [REDACTED], NEGRO FEMALE, AGED TWENTY TO TWENTYTWO, TALL AND ATTRACTIVE, WHO ALSO FREQUENTLY WENT BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] (FOR INFORMATION OF CHARLOTTE AND HOUSTON, NEW HAVEN ADVISED LEE GEORGE POLK ONCE WORKED WITH A [REDACTED] AT COURTLAND CONVALESCENT HOME. STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT).

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[REDACTED] BOTH EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE AND EACH ADVISED NO FAMILY MEMBER HAS HAD ANY WORD FROM OR ABOUT JAMES BECK SINCE EARLY ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION CHICAGO, [REDACTED] ADVISED BECK ATTENDED WARD HIGH SCHOOL, HARTSVILLE, TENNESSEE (WHICH SCHOOL NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE). [REDACTED] ADVISED JAMES LEFT SAVANNAH
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BECAUSE OF MARITAL DIFFICULTIES [REDACTED] NAMES OF
SUBJECTS, POLK AND GREGORY UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPH OF LEE GEORGE POLK FURNISHED BY NEW HAVEN
STRONGLY RESEMBLES ONE NINE SIX FIVE PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES RICHARD
BECK, FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]

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HOUSTON WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RE
IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] (LNU), NOTING HE MAY BE IDENTICAL TO DICK
GREGORY (DECEASED) AND SET FORTH LEADS TO HAVE [REDACTED] LOCATED
AND INTERVIEWED. WILL DETERMINE IF HE KNOWS COMPLETE NAS

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[REDACTED] (LNU).

SAVANNAH WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAVANNAH, TO DETERMINE
IF SHE CAN IDENTIFY ANY ASSOCIATE OF BECK WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL
TO DICK GREGORY.

CHARLOTTE AT FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, WILL ATTEMPT TO
IDENTIFY [REDACTED] (LNU) THROUGH LOCAL AUTHORITIES, NOTING
[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] ARRESTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN
FAYETTEVILLE FOR PUBLIC DRUNK.

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NEW HAVEN HAS REQUESTED AUXILIARY OFFICES EXPEDITE COVERAGE
OF LEADS, SUTEL RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION AND SET FOUTH LEADS BY
TELETYPE.

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AT [REDACTED] RESIDENCE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED HAS HAD NO CONTACT OF ANY KNEEE KIND WITH JAMES

THANKS

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April 23, 1971

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

ATTENTION: Latent Fingerprint Section

Re.: Body found buried in Lusby, Calvert County Maryland on April
22, 1971. Tentatively identified as John Russell Pardue, Sr.,
White male 54 years of age, address is 1200 King Carey Drive,
Crevecoeur, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There are being transmitted the hands removed from the above body. It is
requested that these hands be examined in an effort to effect an identification
of the individual.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Isidore Mihalakis
Isidore Mihalakis, M.D.
Assistant Medical Examiner

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FBI File No. 32-57
Latent Case No. A-35795

April 28, 1971

RE: JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, SR., FBI #828822H

A photograph of the friction ridge structure present on the right thumb of a submitted hand has been identified as a finger impression of Pardue.

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**REPORT**

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO.

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LATENT CASE NO.

32-57**A-35795****April 28, 1971**

TO: Dr. Russell S. Fisher
Chief Medical Examiner
Department of Post Mortem Examiners
111 Penn Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Attention: Dr. Isidore Mihalakis
Assistant Medical Examiner

RE:

UNKNOWN DECEASED;
BODIES OF WHITE MALE AND WHITE FEMALE
TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, SR.
AND DAISY L. PARDUE FOUND BURIED IN LUSBY
CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND, ON APRIL 22, 1971

Letters April 23, 1971, and specimens delivered by Mr. David

REFERENCE: Michael, Maryland State Police, Annapolis, Maryland

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Addressee

SPECIMENS: Four hands

This report supplements and confirms the information furnished by telephone to Dr. Mihalakis on April 23, 1971.

A photograph of friction ridge structure suitable for identification purposes was obtained from the right thumb of unknown subject tentatively identified as John Russell Pardue, Sr.

See an attached page for the result of the comparison conducted with the fingerprints of John Russell Pardue, Sr., FBI #828322H, fingerprinted by Westport, Connecticut, Police Department, their #6146, for aggravated assault (gun) on August 20, 1965, and

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- 1 - Baltimore (with copies of referenced letters)
- ① - New Haven (91-3492) (with copies of referenced letters)
- 1 - St. Louis (with copies of referenced letters)

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Dr. Russell S. Fisher

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fingerprinted by Clayton, Missouri, Sheriff's Office for position with Curtiss-Wright Corporation.

The hands tentatively identified as those of Daisy L. Pardue were examined and seven fingerprints of value for identification purposes were obtained.

On the basis of the available information, no record could be located in our Identification Division files for Daisy L. Pardue. It was not possible to search through our main fingerprint files, inasmuch as the fingerprints maintained therein are filed by a formula based on the classification of all ten fingers.

The fingerprints are being retained in our Latent Fingerprint Section files and will be available for any comparisons you may desire.

The specimens have been returned under separate cover.

1 - Colonel Thomas S. Smith
Superintendent
Maryland State Police
Pikesville, Maryland 21208

Attention: Captain Robert Morris
Chief
Identification Division

5/4/71

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (91-35590)
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIV., LATENT FINGERPRINT SEC.

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (91-3492) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR. (DECEASED)
ET AL
Union Savings Bank
Danbury, Conn.
2/13/70
BR; ESCAPE AND RESCUE

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter written under the letterhead of the Conn. State Police and two copies of latent fingerprints which are described in the enclosed letter.

Also enclosed for the Latent Fingerprint Sec. of the Bureau is the employment application completed in the handwriting of LEE G. POLK at the Carleton Convalescent Home together with the W-2 Form which he completed there.

Enclosed also is the original of POLK's application for employment with the Southern New England Telephone Co., in Stamford, in 1968.

For the information of the Bureau, the subject, PARDUE, in his dying declaration stated that LEE POLK and DICK GREGORY (PH) were participants in the robbery of the Fairfield County Co. Trust, Georgetown Branch, Georgetown, Conn., 10/22/68 (Bufile 91-31466, NH file 91-2882)

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Some latent fingerprints were obtained from the getaway car that was used in the above mentioned Georgetown Bank Robbery and they are on file at the Bureau. It is requested that the enclosed latents be compared with the latents on file in that case.

It is further requested that attempt be made to develop latents on the enclosed employment applications as well as the W-2 Form enclosed herewith.

It is further requested that any latents developed from any of these enclosures be compared with latents on file in the Georgetown robbery and the latents which are enclosed herewith

It is requested that when the above examinations are completed, the exhibits be returned to New Haven, since they are part of the original files at Carleton Convalescent Home and the Southern New England Telephone Co., who has requested their return.

DIRECTOR, FBI (Attn: FBI LABORATORY)

5/5/71

SAC, NEW HAVEN (91-3492)

JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR. (DECEASED)

ETAL

UNION SAVINGS BANK

DANBURY, CONN.,

2/13/70

BR

ESCAPE AND RESCUE

OO: NH

Enclosed are two expended cartridge cases and two bullets, obtained from the CSP, Ballistics Laboratory, on 5/4/71. These cartridges and bullets were test fired into a water barrel from a .45 caliber automatic pistol, owned by JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR. The pistol is a .45 caliber Colt automatic, W.W.I commemorative model, serial number 3088-M2.

Comparison examination is requested re enclosed evidence to bullets, taken from the bodies of JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, SR., and DAISY LINK PARDUE, recovered at the JAMES PARDUE farm in Lusby, Maryland.

Please return the above evidence to this office upon completion of examination.

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ET AL
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ESCAPE AND RESCUE

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Investigation in New Haven indicates that the name "LEE POLK" may be an alias since efforts to verify background furnished by POLK at different locations has been negative. All efforts to identify GREGORY have been unsuccessful to date.

In separate employment records, POLK lists social security number 412-74-0837 and social security number 419-84-0763. Both of these social security numbers were used by POLK in 1968.

The Bureau is requested to authorize Baltimore to make a check with Baltimore sources for any employment shown under either of those numbers since 1968. If authorized to do so, Baltimore is further requested to try to determine the date and place these numbers were issued.

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JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR. (DECEASED)

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UNION SAVINGS BANK

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT

2/13/70

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ESCAPE AND RESCUE

RE: New Haven airtel to Memphis 5/3/71 (no copy sent Chicago or St. Louis)

There is enclosed for the assistance of Chicago, St. Louis and Memphis one copy each of a photograph which has been identified as a photograph of the individual using the name LEE GEORGE POLK.

For the information of Chicago and St. Louis Office, New Haven has developed information through a dying declaration of the subject, JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR., that one LEE POLK and DICK GREGORY (PH) were involved with the PARDUE brothers in a robbery of the Fairfield County Trust Company, Georgetown Branch, Georgetown, Connecticut on 10/22/68 and that POLK and GREGORY were later during 1968 or early 1969 murdered by the PARDUE brothers.

Investigation in New Haven indicates that the name LEE POLK may be an alias since efforts to verify background furnished by POLK at different locations has been negative. Efforts to identify GREGORY have been unsuccessful to date.

The following investigation has been conducted regarding POLK who has also used the name LEE GEORGE POLK, LEE GANT POLK and LEE G. POLK.

POLK, in an application for employment at the Courtland Convalescent Home, Courtland Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut where he was employed from 5/20/68 to 8/19/68, listed his name as LEE G. POLK and his social security number as 412-74-0837. In that application he gave his date of birth as 2/28/45. No place of birth was given. He listed

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- 2 - Memphis (Encl. 1)
- 2 - St. Louis (Encl. 1) 91-4874
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his mother as Miss JOHNNIE E. HOLMAN and gave her address as 414 Gould Street, Nashville, Tennessee. That application further discloses that LEE attended Ward High School (no location given) and indicates he completed the 11th grade. The application also states "U.S. Army, E. (or F.) C. Center", 12th grade. His application shows he was in the United States Army from September, 1963 to May, 1968 having attained the rank of sergeant and listed his salary as \$358.60. Under comments on that application he states that he worked as an orderly for four months at the Sumner County Hospital in Tennessee (no town given) at \$2.00 per hour. He indicates that employment was in 1963.

Records of the Southern New England Telephone Company, 84 Lenox Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut, contain a copy of an application for employment executed in the name of LEE G. POLK and he gives his permanent address as Courtland Gardens, Stamford, Connecticut. In that application he lists his social security number as 419-84-0763 and telephone number 327-1033 (telephone number of Courtland Gardens) and telephone number 327-9236. He lists his date of birth as 2/28/45, his height as 5'11", weight 180 pounds and indicated that he lived at the above address for one month.

In the above application under education, he indicates attendance at the Ward High School, Chicago, Illinois from November, 1962 through the 11th grade. Under the same section, he indicates "U.S. Army, E.C.", January, 1964 through the 12th grade. Under the space where his high school is listed he has entered the notation "Mr. DARVIN, 6-7-68". Also under education, he lists U.S. Army truck driving, August, 1965, U.S. Army Relay C. OP. In that section he has made a notation 8-6-68.

Under employment section of the application, he shows himself employed from November, 1963 through May, 1968, U.S. Army, as a truck driver.

Under military, he indicates he reached the rank of "E-5" and states the nature of his duty was Radio Relay Carrier Operator and truck driving. He states he was in Viet Nam for 13 months and is in the inactive reserves.

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On 8/16/68, POLK purchased a 1968 Oldsmobile, 2-door, white sedan with Identification Number 344878M255292 from Bradley Olds Cadillac, Inc., 189 Connecticut Avenue, South Norwalk, Connecticut; vehicle registered with Connecticut license PO-4905. An automobile loan was issued to him in the amount of \$4058.28 from the Fairfield County Trust Company, 637 West Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. A total of \$700 was paid on that loan and the remainder written off by the bank as a bad debt.

On 8/20/68, LEE GANT POLK, who gave his residence address as 333 Roosevelt (or Rosvett), Chicago, Illinois, and his birth date as 2/28/45, applied for and received a Connecticut operator's license number 022286049. In that application for operator's license, he furnished the following background information.

DATE OF BIRTH	2/28/45
PLACE OF BIRTH	Stamford, Connecticut
EMPLOYER	Southern New England Telephone Company
OCCUPATION	Telephone man
AGE	23 years 6 months
HEIGHT	5'11"
WEIGHT	184 lbs.
EYES	Brown
HAIR	Black
RESIDENCE	181 Henry Street, Stamford, Connecticut

A check of the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Stamford, Connecticut on 5/3/71, disclosed that the only person of black parentage that was born on 2/28/45 was named JAMES RICHARD BECK. The father's name was listed as SIMON BECK and mother as JOHNNIE BLAIR. Place of birth of the parents was listed as Tennessee. Father's age in 1945 was 49 and the mother's age in 1945 was 29. Father listed his employment as Yale and Town, Stamford, Connecticut, and address as 200 Ludlow Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

In view of the fact that on four separate occasions LEE GEORGE POLK listed his birth date as 2/28/45 and in one instance, listed his mother's first name as JOHNNIE and her

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residence in Nashville, Tennessee and in view of the fact that in one instance POLK indicated birth in Stamford, it is believed that LEE GEORGE POLK may in fact be JAMES RICHARD BECK.

LEADS

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

Will check records of the Ward High School under the name LEE GEORGE POLK and JAMES RICHARD BECK and if a record of either's attendance there is located, obtain all possible background concerning them.

Will, at Department of Motor Vehicles, check for any record of an operator's license under the name of either LEE GEORGE POLK or JAMES RICHARD BECK. Will also check with Motor Vehicles for any record of an automobile being registered under either such name in Illinois.

Check appropriate police records for any information available concerning either LEE GEORGE POLK or JAMES RICHARD BECK.

ST. LOUIS

At St. Louis, Missouri

Will check with Federal Records Center for any information indicating military service under the name JAMES RICHARD BECK during the period 1963 through 1968 noting specifically the information set forth by POLK in his application for employment with the Southern New England Telephone Company.

A check has already been made by St. Louis at the Federal Records Center for military service under the name of LEE GEORGE POLK.

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MEMPHIS

At Nashville, Tennessee

Will attempt to verify the employment of LEE GEORGE POLK at the Sumner County Hospital if the identity of such hospital is known in the Nashville area.

Will also check records of logical police departments for any information available concerning either LEE GEORGE POLK or JAMES RICHARD BECK.

Will check logical police records, city directories and other possible sources for any information regarding SIMON BECK or JOHNNIE BLAIR, parents of JAMES RICHARD BECK.

All offices are requested to expedite coverage of leads in this case inasmuch as the New Haven Office is working closely with the Connecticut State Police in this investigation and the police are handling the case as a special in view of the three murders involved.

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Date: 5/6/71

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN (91-3492)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (91-4516) (P)
SUBJECT: JOHN RUSSELL PARDUE, JR.;
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UNION SAVINGS BANK,
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT,
2/13/70
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Re New Haven telephone call to Memphis 5/6/71.

Enclosed herewith for New Haven is one photo of
JAMES R. BECK described as a NM, born 2/28/45, Stamford,
Conn., 5'11", 158 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, FBI #
42504H, NCIC Fingerprint Classification: 125412P0101207122212.

JAMES R. BECK was the subject of a deserter case
of which Memphis was office of origin. BECK, SSAN 412-74-0837
A, ASN RA 14828259, was classified as a deserter for going
AWOL 2/13/68 from Ft. Bragg, N.C. The deserter investigation
was discontinued on 1/12/70 upon instructions from the Bureau
when it had been determined BECK had returned to Ft. Bragg
subsequent to his AWOL date.

A review of Memphis file 42-10670 reflects the
following relatives for BECK:

Mother

Mrs. JOHNNIE ELNORA HOLMAN
(formerly BECK), 408 Owens
Drive, Gallatin, Tenn.

- ② - New Haven (Enc. 1)
3 - Memphis (2 - 91-4516)
(1 - 42-10670)

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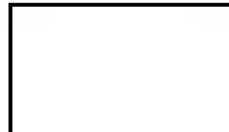
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Father



Grandmother



SIMON BECK, 1271 Third Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

[redacted]
[redacted], telephone number
[redacted] employed at Cumberland
House, Tennessee Department of
Mental Health, 3411 Belmont,
Nashville, Tenn.;

[redacted]
[redacted] YWCA,
Houston, Texas;

[redacted] who lives and
works at an unknown address in
Franklin, Tenn., with telephone
number [redacted]

[redacted]
employed at Memorial Clinic,
Gallatin, Tenn.;

[redacted]
Mrs. MARY WINSTON, 1263 - 11th
Avenue South, Nashville, Tenn.,
telephone number 291-5293

[redacted]
[redacted] residence address
unknown, Savannah, Georgia.

LEADS:

THE MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT NASHVILLE, TENN., AND GALLATIN, TENN.

Will attempt to locate and interview the above listed
relatives to determine if they had received any information
whatsoever regarding the activities of JAMES R. BECK since
2/3/70. Will determine if they have any information indicating
BECK involved in instant BR.